GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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NDMC DROPS DRUG FIRMS FROM ITS NEW SUPPLY LIST
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news-item captioned `NDMC drops 116 drug firms from its new supply list` appearing in the Hindustan Times dated July 30, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether these firms are also supplying drugs to CGHS;

(d) whether the quality of the medicines supplied to the CGHS is also of inferior quality;

(e) whether the Government have directed to All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) to give emergency treatment to CGHS beneficiaries without insisting on references from CGHS specialist;

(f) if so, the details of those directives and the action taken by AIIMS thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : NDMC have informed that to obtain quality medicines, they have invited applications with firms having minimum three years experience in supplying allopathic medicines to Govt. hospitals and institutions. 104 applications were received and 52 firms who met the criteria have been shortlisted.

(c) & (d) : Some of these firms are also supplying drugs to CGHS, procured by Medical Store OrganisationBefore medicines are supplied to CGHS and other indentors each and every batch of the drug is tested in a Govt. approved laboratory. As such the question of supplying inferior quality of drugs to CGHS and other indentors does not arise.

(e) & (f) : In case of emergency the treatment can be availed by the CGHS beneficiaries from any hospital including private hospital and reimbursement will be considered as per approved rates on merits of the case.